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WAR NEWS.

The steamer Dictator at Washington, yesterday, reports the receipt of the news of the fall of Richmond was received at City Point with the greatest enthusiasm, and that the vessels in port were immediately gaily decorated with flags, presenting a handsome appearance. At Fortress Monroe a salute was fired, and the sailors and soldiers expressed joy in various ways. On Sunday night, before evacuating Richmond, the Confederates blew up their forts and rams on the James river, the explosion of which was terrific, resembling au earthquake, and being heard for miles around. The U.S. gunboats have moved up the James, and are engaged in removing the obstructions. Gen. Wietzel, upon entering Richmond, was directed by Gen. Grant to allow no one to leave the city, nor permit any one to enter who was not connected with the army, or had authority to do so. The Confederates fired Petersburg in several places before evacuating the town, but the fire was speedily extinguished. Over 5,000 prisoners have already been received at City Point, and others are constantly arriving.

Gen. Snerman's army has, apparently, not yet moved. The latest advices from Newbern report that thousands of his men, who had been sick, had recovered, and together with uetachments of recruits, were daily arriving at Newbern and Morehead City, on their way to the army. The same despatch says that "the Confederates are much demoralized, and desertion among them is the order of the day," while "citizens from distant points in the interior of North Carolina are continually coming is to take the oath of allegiance."

Additional particulars are given of the fierce conflicts of Saturday and Sunday, in which the losses on both sides are represented as heavy. General Warren, it is said, has been removed from command of the Fifth Army Corps, probably for disobedience of orders. The number of prisoners recently taken is variously stated at from 13,000 to 18,000. Lee was supposed to be making for Danville, to effect, if possible, a junction with General Johnston, who has already moved his army to a position between Goldsboro' and Weldon According to the statement of a messenger who reached Washington yesterday from Goldsboro, N. C., General A. P. Hill, is reported killed. Sheridan's cavalry are said to be severely harrassing Lee.

Information has been received by the Navy Department of the destruction, on the 15th of March, by the U.S. steamer Lodana, of an extensive salt work on Brow Neck, McIntosh county, Georgia. Ten buildings, together with a large quantity of barrels, stores and wood were burned. One hundred bushels of

salt were also destroyed, and a steam engine and twelve boilers were sent to Port Royal.

An expedition up the St. Mark's river, Fla., under Gen. Newton, was but partially successful. They encountered and dispersed a force of Confederates, and drove them, but returned without prosecuting the object of the expedition to the end. The Southern property in Newport, including a shot and shell factory, was burned. Extensive salt works on the cost were destroyed by fire, The Federal loss was 147. It is reported by deserters that the Confederate loss exceeded 400.

The Northern press very generally are jubilant over the capture of Petersburg and Richmond. Some of them, however, differ as to what is likely to be the result, so far as relates to the duration of the war.

The Washington Chronicle says: "Mrs. Lincoln left for City Point at ten o'clock this morning. She will be accompanied by Senator Sumner, Harlan and lady, and others."

A letter in the N. O. Times says that Capt. Maffit has been arrested and committed to jail in Havana, for being concerned in the burning of the Shooting Star in the harbor of Havana.

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